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**From:** Barbara Miller <svcommunityresourcecenter@air-pipe.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 3:23 PM  
**To:** ENRD, PUBCOMMENT-EES (ENRD)  
**Subject:** Public comments for Bunker Hill mine settlement reopening

To whom it may concern at the Dept. of Justice;

See below comments made for an important decision taking place in the Silver Valley, Bunker Hill Superfund site in which affected citizens were never made known.

The fact that the IDEQ were assigned the responsibility and role of the decision and distribution is imperative to the fact that Reg. Ten EPA controls a major portion of the funding. Other facts pertain to the efforts of SVCRC a 30 year old non-profit organization who has conducted ongoing public comment periods, resources, solutions, support for extraordinary actions to secure EPA funding for the restoration of the environment and human health brought on by the deliberate damages of the Bunker Hill Mine and Smelter.

Still the epicenter, original 21 sq. mile site has not been cleaned up:

- In our area, lead from past mining practices is often found in
- Soil on hillsides and around old mill sites
- Soil on the river banks and floodplains
- Dirt tracked into vehicles or into homes from these area
- Soil under clean soil caps, under foundations and in dirt basements
- Dust in homes

*Taken from Basin Commission, EPA, Panhandle Health Dept. newsletter Aug.2017*

No one in the community has heard of the decision see emails sent by Glory Carlile IDEQ on March 15, nowhere is there any mention of a public comment period, as was the case during the Old Mission Toxic Waste dump decision by Reg. Ten and IDEQ. Affected citizens repeatedly were deceived about the toxic waste dump at the Old Mission, a reprieve for a comment period came only after the word of the toxic dump reached the public. Ten days before the comment period ended, EPA/IDEQ began destroying the site. At this writing the flooding and contamination from the Old Mission 20 acre site sitting in a floodplain has washed 160 metric tons of lead downstream in one day of flooding. A huge area, the Chain Lakes hundreds of acres and millions of dollars spent "remediating" the area is sitting under 3 feet of lead, contaminated flood waters.

A second email was sent by Ms. Carlile, IDEQ on April 9 stating a public comment period had been extended to April 18, 8 days to respond to a major decision that has devastated, taken advantage of vulnerable poor affected families who have participated in good faith for 30 years to assist with permanent waste technology, helping EPA to cleanup neighborhood, homes where more lead is retained than yards which are being dug up and dumped in toxic dumps along the CD'A River and in communities harming children, tourists, those who recreate, drive by and are exposed unknowingly to lead and heavy metals.

If the DOJ wants to do its job, they will inform fairly, listen to what the community, not mining companies alone have to say about the opening of the Bunker Hill Mine. Any settlement fund are to go to the establishment of the SVCRC's Community Lead Health Clinic/Center. The Children Run Better Unleaded project is the only proactive lead health intervention taking place in the entire 1500 sq. mile Superfund site.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Paul Flory, President former miner

Bob McCroskey, Board member

Cass Davis, Lead poisoned child, board member

Barbara Miller/Director

**From:** Glory.Carlile@deq.idaho.gov [mailto:Glory.Carlile@deq.idaho.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 10:10 AM

**To:** Undisclosed recipients:

**Subject:** Extension notification on Bunker Hill settlement package comment period

**The comment period is being extended for the Settlement Agreement. Public comment period on settlement with mining company – Deadline Extended to 4/18:** EPA and U.S. Department of Justice have announced a settlement with the Bunker Hill Mine owner, Placer Mining Company, Inc., resolving the company's cleanup liability in Idaho's northern panhandle. DOJ and EPA have concurrently reached a settlement with the lessee of the Bunker Hill Mine, Bunker Hill Mining Corp., removing a barrier to new operations at the mine. In response to extension requests, the deadline for comments on this action is now April 18.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/03/19/2018-05469/notice-of-lodging-of-proposed-consent-decree-under-the-comprehensive-environmental-response>

<https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decree/us-v-placer-mining-corporation-dba-new-bunker-hill-mining-company-and-robert>

***Information previously sent out:***

See the press release links at the bottom of this email regarding the Bunker Hill Settlement package. The DOJ press release includes a link to the Consent Decree and the Settlement Agreement. Also included is the link to the case summary which contains short summaries about the parties, the site and the settlement.

EPA Press Release - <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-department-justice-reach-agreement-two-idaho-mining-companies-secure-wastewater>

DOJ Press Release - <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/departments-justice-epa-reach-agreement-two-idaho-mining-companies-secure-wastewater-treatment>

Case summary is available on OECA's cases and settlements database at <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/case-summary-third-party-settlement-bunker-hill-site-secure-wastewater-treatment-and>

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**From:** Glory.Carlile@deq.idaho.gov [mailto:Glory.Carlile@deq.idaho.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 15, 2018 4:24 PM

**To:** Undisclosed recipients:

**Subject:** Press release on Bunker Hill settlement package

See the press release links at the bottom of this email regarding the Bunker Hill Settlement package. The DOJ press release includes a link to the Consent Decree and the Settlement Agreement. Also included is the link to the case summary which contains short summaries about the parties, the site and the settlement.

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